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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF GHASSAN TUEINI TO THE US

- 1. GHASSAN TUEINI, PRESIDENT SARKIS' FORMER SPECIAL ENVOY, IS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON BY CONCORDE FROM PARIS MAR 2, FOR TWO-MONTH STINT AS ARAB LEAGUE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. PURPOSE OF HIS BEING THERE IS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL FIGURES IN ORDER PRESENT ARAB LEAGUE POSITIONS ON CURRENT PROBLEMS AND TO KEEP LEAGUE BETTER INFORMED OF AMERICAN VIEWS. HE IS TRAVELING ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. HE WILL BE STAYING AT MADISON HOTEL.
- 2. TUEINI IS AN OLD FRIEND, AND I FOUND HIM MOST BALANCED AND REASONABLE OF LEBANESE POLITICAL FIGURES I HAVE TALKED TO TO DATE. AS NOTED EARLIER TELEGRAM, HE HOPES TO SEE THE SECRETARY, AND I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. TUEINI IS KNOWLEDGEABLE COMMENTATOR NOT ONLY ON LEBANON BUT ON ARAB WORLD AS A WHOLE.
- 3. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TIME OR PLANS TO SEE VISITORS OF THIS QUALITY, BUT AM SURE HE WOULD FIND TUEINI A VERY INTERESTING PERSON TO TALK TO ABOUT THIS AREA AND ITS PROBLEMS. CONFIDENTIAL

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